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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## The Ox and the Ass

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PLOWING WITH OX AND ASS IN PALESTINE

"Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together," God told Israel through Moses in Deuteronomy 22:9-11.

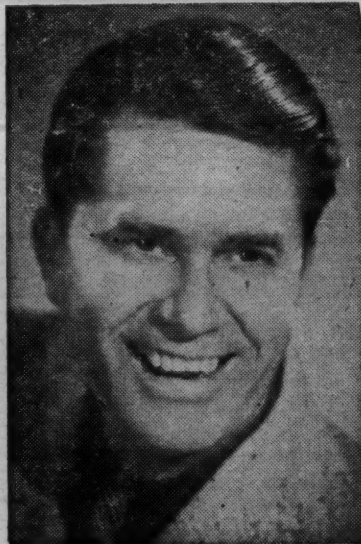
I had never thought much about this until I actually saw a young man plowing with an ox and an ass one day in Palestine. Cathy and I had been visiting for several days with world famous Dr. Lambie in Bethlehem. We were walking one day and came upon a young man plowing a field. It was not a large field, not much larger than a large lawn. The fence was made of stones. The plough the young man was using was a long crooked limb from a tree with an iron point on the end of it. Actually it hardly more than scratched the surface of the ground.

Although the sun's position was wrong for a good picture, I snapped a couple of shots with my camera. Then I walked up to the fence and asked the young man if I might come closer to get a close-up of him and his unusual team. He shrugged and lifted his hands palms up to indicate he did not understand English. With my hands I indicated that I wanted to cross the fence and take another picture closer to his team. He grinned broadly and motioned me over.

It seemed like a good idea but, like many another good idea, it just didn't turn out very well. Instead of simply climbing over the fence I leaped to the top of it and then jumped down on the other side—and pert near scared that old cow to death!

She took one bug-eyed look at me and then took off like a Thunderbird, dragging a bewildered donkey and an excited boy behind her. When they reached the rock fence on the far side of the field that old cow didn't even slow

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Evangelist Bill Rice

## "Prepare to Meet Thy God"

Amos 4:12

By Dr. L. R. Scarborough  
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Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

I want to speak tonight from a very brief text in God's Old Testament. It is a command. It is by the authority of God and Jehovah who made and keeps the world. It is more than a command. It is an invitation backed by the wisdom and loving power of God. If you do not really hear my sermon, and if you hear it and forget it before you leave this crowd, I pray you that you will let this text remain in your heart. It is easy to remember. It is the 12th verse of the fourth chapter of the book of Amos. "Prepare to meet thy God."

God is the only one who knows us. He knows our beginnings; He knows our future; He knows our weaknesses; He knows our dangers; He knows

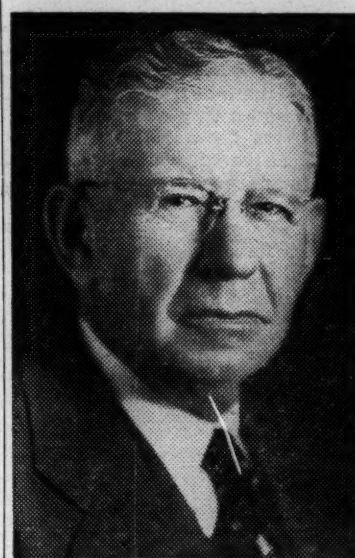
our enemies. He knows the perils that crouch at the door of our souls. He sees the ending from the beginning; and knowing our sins and our weaknesses and our dangers, God says, "Prepare to meet thy God."

This Scripture very clearly intimates that men are not ready to meet God when they are born into the world. Some say that men are born innocent and without sin; but God says that every man is "conceived in sin and born in iniquity." God says that every man is "estranged from the womb."

You are not prepared to meet God when you come to the consciousness of sin. You need to prepare to meet God. This Scripture very clearly says that men must meet God. There are four spheres in which we are to meet Him.

### Meeting God in Four Directions

One is in life. With these lives that we have, with our sins, with



Dr. L. R. Scarborough

our weaknesses, with the limitations of human nature, we have to meet God. I will tell you, my friends, the most responsible thing on earth is to live, to have life, to have its responsibilities, to carry about with you every day an immortal soul and walk and live among men is a tremendous responsibility. You have got to meet God with your life. You have got to meet Him at every corner of the street, every turn in the road of life. You will meet Him in the day in the blooming flowers and at night in the twink-

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## Should a Christian Observe Christmas?

By Dr. John R. Rice

"One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it..."—Rom 14:5, 6a.

I love the Christmas season. I find great joy in preaching on the Christmas themes of the angels, the shepherds, the manger, the virgin birth, the wise men. I have great joy in the Christmas carols. There is a joyful, happy note of worship in our home, and thank God, in my heart, through the Christmastime. I love the gathering together of my loved ones and family for Christmas. I love to give gifts, and I rejoice to be remembered by my loved ones and friends. I love the Christmas season.

Perhaps my own feeling is colored somewhat by the fact that, for many years, I have been away from home most of the year, but at the Christmas season, when churches and groups of churches do not want revivals, I have been at home with my family. That makes it extra precious to me.

It makes me sad that many people do not enjoy Christmas. Some devoted Christians feel sour, cantankerous, and full of objections about Christmas. To them I would say in the words of Scripture, that if you regard the day, regard it unto the Lord. And if you do not regard the day, Christmas, then be sure that you are Christian about it and do it as unto the Lord. But let nobody be judging and criticizing others for honest, worshipful, spiritual, and loving attitudes about Christmas. I want to answer some of the objections about Christmas.

### 1. They Say Christmas Is Not Christ's Birthday

Actually, no one knows exactly when Christ was born. The Bible does not say. There are no other trustworthy sources from which we can learn when Christ was born. So, some people think it is therefore wrong to observe Christmas. But that does not necessarily follow. I knew a little girl born on February 29, leap year. Now would it be wrong for that little girl to observe a birthday on the last day of February on other years when February had only twenty-eight days? Or would it be

a sin for her to observe her birthday, or for others to observe her birthday anytime except on leap year? No, the important fact was not the precise date, February 29, but that another year had gone by for which people should praise God, and the little girl had grown a year older, and that fact ought to be recognized by those who loved her.

Would you say that it is wrong to have Thanksgiving day on a certain Thursday in November, when not all of our blessings have come on that day? Or would you say it is wrong to set a more convenient day if all of us should agree that it was proper and convenient to have a national day of thanksgiving? Whatever the day, it is still right for people to agree on a time when we would publicly thank God and officially, as a nation, express our gratitude to the Father of Mercies for all of His goodness to us. The important thing is not what day of the calendar, but whether or not we honor God on the day.

December 25 is as close to the birthday of Christ as we can come. We love the dear Lord Jesus, we want everybody to remember His birth, we want to teach our children about the Baby in the manger, about the wise men who came from the East to worship Him, about the angel's announcement to Mary and the angel chorus who told the shepherds. And why is not December 25 as good a day for that as any other? Do you think it is wrong to remember the birth of Christ on the day which is as close as we can come to the birthday of Christ?

### 2. Christmas Means Only "Christ's Mass," a Catholic Holiday to Many

We are told that Christmas comes from Christ's Mass, that it was instituted by Catholics, and that therefore good Protestants ought not to observe it. That objection seems a little foolish to

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## Good News for Catholics and Protestants

## The PROTESTANT Pope Priesthood and Purgatory

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### CHAPTER II THE PROTESTANT PRIESTHOOD

Using the principle of contrast we begin by saying that the Protestant priesthood is not the priesthood of Rome. With full respect for those who believe in the Roman priesthood, let us examine its nature and claims.

### What Catholics Teach About Priesthood

The Roman priesthood is an order of men that severs itself from the laity, assumes the rights and titles of priesthood, asserts superiority over the rest of God's people in spiritual matters, denies the right of anyone who has not been initiated into its own select circle to preach or teach, and puts forward its own teachers as Christ's only authorized heralds who, irrespective of what their lives may be, yet hold in their hands the hope of salvation or the power of damnation.

The Council of Trent, whose decrees must be received by all

Roman Catholics under pain of mortal sin or excommunication, says, "He that despiseth the priest, despiseth God; he that hears him hears God. The priest remits sin as God. It is clear that their position is such that none greater can be conceived. Wherefore they are justly called not only angels but God, holding as they do among us the power and the authority of the Immortal God."

In a book written by a Roman Catholic for the edification of his people, and carrying the imprimatur of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Ottawa are these words:

"Where there is no priest, there is no sacrifice, and where there is no sacrifice, there is no religion."

"Without the priest the death and passion of our Lord would be of no avail to us."

"See the power of the priest!"

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Winter hit Wheaton like a loaded freight train. Already snow was on the ground, when the temperature dropped in brief hours thirty degrees, so we have had two or three days with temperature running just a little above zero.

Yesterday (Nov. 17) was a heavy but blessed day. I spent eight and a half hours in the office. Then from seven to eleven last night I was in recording studios where the twenty-voice choir and the duet practiced and where we produced on tape recording three of the "Voice of Revival" broadcasts.

But the antifreeze in my car was good for about ten or fifteen degrees above zero and when the weather got down to four or five degrees above zero the radiator water was mushy with ice and wouldn't circulate. So last night from 11:45 to 12:30 I went to an all-night garage, had the radiator thawed out, and put in a gallon more of antifreeze.

Now today it will be a heavy day's work finishing copy for THE SWORD, then prayer meeting to-night. But how wonderful to have open doors, to have more than I can do!

### Get Catholic Friends to Read the Linton Articles

Readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD are greatly blessed to have the privilege of reading the three fine articles by Evangelist John Linton on "The Protestant Pope, Priesthood, and Purgatory." This week we publish the second of these articles, and we earnestly urge our readers to see that Catholic relatives and neighbors have a chance to read these kindly, scriptural articles or sermons. No one need be offended at them. And there is a way to win Catholics if we remember that they are usually simply lost people for whom Christ died. And they are not lost because they are Catholics, but like everybody else who has not been converted they are lost because they are sinners. And the Gospel is still the power of God to salvation for a Catholic or Jew, or an infidel or drunkard or convict, or for a nice moral man or woman or for a tender child. Better look up the last issue of THE SWORD and see that these articles are read by Catholics. And you will be blessed by them too. And children and young Christians will thus get established in the great truths of the Word of God.



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### Hello There, 10,000 New Subscribers!

Slightly more than ten thousand get-acquainted subscriptions have come in in the last month and new readers will be getting this paper. Every new subscriber we greet in Jesus' dear name. I hope you will look on the front page of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and notice that for twenty-five years this has been "An Independent Christian Weekly, Standing for the Verbal Inspiration of the Bible, the Deity of Christ, His Blood Atonement, Salvation by Faith, New Testament Soul Winning and the Premillennial Return of Christ. Opposes Modernism, Worldliness and Formalism." You will notice that we publish the greatest sermons that are written in this generation. Be sure to get acquainted with the Bible crossword puzzles, the "Kids Korner," the reports on revival campaigns, the answers to Bible questions, the emphasis on soul winning and revival and the defense of the faith. We welcome you. We hope you will be blessed day by day and grow in grace, and will be helped in living a Christian life and soul winning by THE SWORD OF THE LORD. God bless you, new reader!

### Get People Saved Through THE SWORD

Looking through the mail this morning my eager heart rejoiced to glance at a decision form, another person saved. Every day, practically, we have from one to a half dozen letters from people who write to say they found Christ through some sermon of mine or through something in THE SWORD or through my books and pamphlets. Praise the Lord! And each week in THE SWORD OF THE LORD there is a sermon addressed directly to the unsaved. Often there is a decision form with it which a man, convicted of his sins, may sign in making the decision for Christ and salvation. Will you take particular pains to see that some lost person has a chance to read the sermon to the unsaved in each issue of THE SWORD that comes to your house? How many thousands would be saved if we only took them the Gospel as it is in THE SWORD, a Gospel preached so plainly that God sees fit to bless it to many. Others would be saved if they read it, and if they were the objects of earnest and believing prayer. Let's get people saved through THE SWORD OF THE LORD. And that reminds me that you may have 100 copies of the little twenty-four-page pamphlet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" for only \$2.00 plus 15 cents postage and packing. And with these 100 copies you will be able to get the Gospel to many a chance acquaintance who comes to the door, or a salesman, or to some friend, who would read the plan of salvation much quicker than he would listen to you talk, perhaps. Let us win souls with this soul-saving literature!

### Help Us Get 50 Million Listeners to "Voice of Revival" Broadcast

More than half the population of continental United States could hear the "Voice of Revival" broadcast if they knew the right station and the time and if someone got them interested enough to tune in. Please, will you help us to get fifty million listeners for this broadcast? Check the radio log; listen yourself so you will have something to tell about the broadcast, and so you can share the blessing. Get others to listen at your home or call them up and remind them ahead of time of the program. And you will be doing a part to bring about a deep sweeping revival. The Christmas broadcast should bless millions of people if we get them to listen in.

Son-in-law Don Sandberg now leads the "Voice of Revival" twenty-voice choir. Mrs. Grace Rice MacMullen and Mrs. Elizabeth Rice Handford are at the grand piano and the organ—respectively. The duets now are usually by Mrs. Joanna Rice and Mrs. Jessie Ruth Rice Sandberg. Mrs. Mary Lloyds Rice Himes is in the choir. Bud Lyles is the announcer. Sword workers and other good Christians make up the choir. And this unworthy evangelist preaches the Gospel.

We need your prayers. And we earnestly urge praying friends to help us see that every dollar of radio broadcast fees are paid in full by January 1. But the main thing is the power and blessing of God. If people hear and if God moves hearts, He will help us pay the bills. Will you help us reach fifty million people with the Gospel on the "Voice of Revival" broadcast each Sunday?

### A Whole Church Blessed for So Little

Now is the best possible time to get THE SWORD OF THE LORD coming to all the resident families in your church. For one thing, Christmas season approaches and many good Christians would be glad to help bless all the resident families of the church by paying for some subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. For another thing the first of the year approaches, and people are rethinking their plans for the year.

If the church officially, or the pastor, or deacons or a group of laymen in the church will undertake to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to each family on the resident active membership roll, THE SWORD OF THE LORD will co-operate. You may have the subscriptions at \$2.00 a year. The subscriptions may be paid for at the rate of 50c per subscription per quarter. A small church with twenty families could send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to each home in the church for only \$10 each three months. And a large church of one hundred families could send THE SWORD OF THE LORD for only \$50 each three months. And the church would be more unified in doctrine, more eager for a soul-winning program, more protected against false cults and would be less a prey to worldliness, more liberal in their giving. Someone in every Bible-believing church should see that THE SWORD OF THE LORD goes to each home.

And in many cases, as a missionary project, good Christians would do well to see that THE SWORD OF THE LORD goes to every home in a church where the Gospel is rarely preached and where people specially need the clear defense of the faith and the strong gospel preaching in THE SWORD. Yes, the whole church can be blessed for so little. Will you take the matter up in your church and see what can be done to the glory of Christ and the spiritual blessing of the whole church?

### Those Wise Men Brought Gifts to Jesus

I think it is blessed to give gifts to those we love at Christmastime. But don't you think that much of our giving ought to be specially of the kind that will honor Christ and advance His cause? Those Wise Men from the East opened their treasures. So should we open our treasures at Christmastime. They gave gifts of gold and frankincense, and myrrh. Would it not honor the Lord Jesus for every reader to make some loving sacrifice?

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## INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner  
Contributing Editor



### Money Isn't Everything!

Often folks think that if they only had lots of money everything would be wonderful, all their problems would be solved, and their worries would be gone forever. Such definitely is not the case! Solomon sadly discovered this bitter truth and wrote his testimony in the Book of Ecclesiastes for all the world to read. Remember that Solomon was probably the wealthiest man who ever lived, a man who "exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches" (I Kings 10:23) and who "made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plentiful as stones" (II Chron. 1:15). He concluded, "Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me" (Eccles. 2:11, 18).

Some may object that times have changed since Solomon's day and that things are different now. Are they?

Suppose you had a fortune estimated at \$100,000,000. Suppose you lived in a big nineteenth century mansion on a tremendous 200,000-acre California ranch covering one-sixth of Orange County—the county adjoining Los Angeles on the southeast. Suppose you had a beach home, in addition to your mansion, overlooking the beautiful blue Pacific, worth nearly a half-million dollars. Suppose you were married to a lovely wife and had a healthy, happy five-year-old son. Would that guarantee happiness for you?

Out in California there was a man who had everything described in the preceding paragraph. Yet earlier this year he went down into the basement of his fabulous mansion on that tremendous ranch just outside the city bearing his family name, pointed a .22 caliber pistol at his temple, placed a double-barrel shotgun in his midsection, pressed the triggers unleashing all three loads, and committed suicide.

Why did he do it? Doctors testified that he was in good health. None among family or friends could supply a motive. He left no notes. Apparently multimillionaire Myford (Mike) Irvine had simply concluded that life was just not worth living!

This is always true, no matter what attainments one may gain in the realm of "things," if Christ is left out of the heart and life. Solomon said, "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity" (Eccles. 5:10). And forget not the words of our Saviour, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

When Mario Lanza, the foul-mouthed, profane movie idol, and singer extraordinary (an amazing twentieth century illustration of James 3 concerning a mouth producing both blessing and cursing), dropped dead with a heart attack (or was death due to excessive use of narcotics, as some Hollywood insiders reported?), all film-dom came to the fore to do him honor.

One of the leading movie columnists, veteran Bob Thomas, wrote two articles for the daily papers describing his fabulous career. After telling how Lanza hit the peak with his tremendous success in "The Great Caruso," Thomas said, "Then what happened to him? Nobody really knows. Mario fought all his life to get to the top, and when he got there he didn't know what to do with himself."

Fame or fortune, it matters little. The life lived apart from Christ will not satisfy. It will be like the "broken cisterns" (Jer. 2:13) which hold no water. Man must drink of the Son of God if he is to "never thirst again" (John 4:14) and be completely satisfied. Have you drunk?

Quote of the Week: In a speech at a meeting of the National Licensed Beverage Association, Rev. Fr. Michael Behan, the radio-TV director of the Grand Rapids (Michigan) Catholic Diocese, told the delegates: "STAND UP AND FIGHT THE BLUE-NOSED ENEMIES OF THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY."

### The Revival We Need

That pulpit giant of yesteryear, Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, preaching about the kind of revival needed in his day—and it is doubly true in ours—said, "The revival, then, which we need, is a revival of the religion which keeps God's commandments; which tells the truth and sticks to its promises; which pays twenty shillings to the pound; which cares more for a good character than a fine coat; which votes at the ballot-box in the same direction that it prays; which denies ungodly lusts, and which can be trusted in every stress of temptation. A revival which will sweeten our homes, and chasten our press and purify our politics and cleanse our business and commerce from roguery and rottenness, would be a boon from Heaven. A revival which will bring not only a Bible-knowledge, but a Bible conscience to all, is what the land is dying for. The world's sorest want today is more Christ-like men and women. The preaching it needs is—more sermons in shoes."

He said again, "... in kindling a spiritual fire the true method is for two or three earnest Christians to come together humbly and, in a penitential spirit, lay themselves down at the feet of Jesus and ask Him to pour into them His quickening Spirit. Let their consecration of themselves be entire and unreserved. First, let them put away sin and unbelief and ask the Lord to cleanse them thoroughly for His work. We have got to be emptied before we are filled. Selfishness, and evil thoughts, and grudges, and the devil of unbelief, must be cast out before the Master will 'make His abode' in our hearts. When a Christian has received the inpouring of Jesus into his or her soul, then is he or she prepared to go and labor for the conversion of the impenitent."

Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard:  
Thru December 13:  
Boomer Baptist Church  
Boomer, West Virginia  
December 26:  
Christian Youthrama  
Palm Beach High School Auditorium  
West Palm Beach, Florida  
Dec. 27-Jan. 10:  
Burton Avenue Baptist Church  
Waterloo, Iowa

### Too Busy to Love

A father and his young daughter were great friends and much in each other's company. Then the father noted a change in his daughter. If he went for a walk, she excused herself from going. He grieved about it, but could not understand. When his birthday came, she presented him with a pair of exquisitely worked slippers, saying, "I have made them for you." Then he understood what had been the matter for the past three months, and he said, "My darling, I like these slippers very much, but next time buy the slippers and let me have you all the days. I would rather have my child than anything she can make for me."

Some of us are so busy for the Lord that He cannot get much of us. To us He would say, "I know your works, your labor, your patience, but I miss the first love."

—G. Campbell Morgan



## With the Evangelists

By the Editor

**EVANGELIST ED NELSON**, Box 733, Longmont, Colorado, recently closed a revival at the Loomis Park Baptist Church in Jackson, Michigan. The pastor, Rev. Blaine Farley, reports that there were 50 decisions for the Lord, most of which were first-time decisions for salvation. He reports that this was the first real revival for several years and that the Lord gave a deep stirring and moving in the midst of the people. He heartily recommends Evangelist Nelson as a hard working, fearless preacher of the Word.

**EVANGELIST CHARLES A. HIMES**, 801 College Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, held a two-week revival which closed November 8 in the First Baptist Church of Centerville, Indiana. Rev. Lester G. Maples, pastor, reports that there were 7 professions of faith, 3 rededications and 1 addition to the church by letter. In addition there were 3 saved in the homes who did not come out publicly during the meeting. The pastor reports that Evangelist Himes is a good gospel preacher with strong convictions.

**EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN**, 21 Pine Street, Inman, South Carolina, held a revival October 26-November 1 at the Victory Tabernacle in Norfolk, Virginia. During the revival there were 23 saved including a woman sixty years of age who had been a church member for many years and a man fifty-one who had been an alcoholic. Also there were 65 rededications and many who promised to start tithing and start winning souls.

Brother Duncan also held a revival at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Hampton, Virginia, but there are no reports as to the exact results of the meeting. Both pastors highly recommend Evangelist Duncan as tireless and uncompromising.

**EVANGELIST PHIL SHULER**, 5760 West 60th, Arvada, Colorado, held a twelve-day revival early in November in the Nyeland Community Church of Oxnard, California. Rev. Robert L. Carpenter, pastor, reports that there were 25 first-time decisions for Christ, and many who claimed victory over sin in their lives and several young people who yielded their lives to full-time Christian service. Evarett Mills conducted two children's meetings during the campaign and 63 came to receive Christ as Saviour during those meetings.

**EVANGELIST ERNIE TONETTI**, 6114 Barlen Drive, Richmond, Virginia, reports a meeting held in the Bradburn Independent Methodist Church in District Heights, Maryland, October 18-30. There were 9 first-time decisions for salvation, 29 reconsecrations and many other decisions among Christians for family altars, tithing, and soul winning.

**EVANGELIST HYMAN APPELMAN**, 7301 Bellevue Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday, November 8, closed a revival in the Western Hills Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Pastor Warren Terry reports that "the crowds broke every previous record for attendance, even on week nights; that there were 138 people dealt with in the inquiry rooms by trained personal counselors and that of these 67 were on profession of faith and 9 joined the church by letter." Most of the people making decisions have already been voted into the church.

**EVANGELIST BILL HALL**, 129-B White Oak Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held a meeting in the U.C.P. Church, Rose, Oklahoma, October 9-19. During the meeting there was 1 decision for salvation, 5 decisions for family altar, and 25 decisions to start soul winning. In the morning services Evangelist Hall delivered a series of messages on Funda-

## Kids KORNER

By Aunt Mary

### A Boy Becomes a Prophet of God!

You remember in last week's story that the Lord had given Hannah a little boy in answer to her prayer. He was at the temple to wait on Eli the priest and to serve the Lord. Every year Hannah brought Samuel a little coat which she had made. How she must have prayed that he would be a good servant of the Lord, even though he was just a little boy!

But remember also how Eli had two sons who were very evil. They were so wicked that they stole from the offerings people brought to the Lord, and led into wickedness women who came to the temple to serve God! Their father Eli scolded them, saying, "Why do you do so wickedly?" But he should have whipped them and made them obey him and God when they were boys. Now it is too late! And while people talked of the sins of Eli's sons, we read that "the child Samuel grew and increased in favour both with God and with men." We know God was preparing Samuel for a life of very important service for Him.

The Bible tells us that a man of God came to Eli to bring this word from God, "Why do you show so little respect for my offerings? You honor your sons before me, and you and your sons make yourselves fat on the best part of the offerings! God warned the old priest that He would raise up a new priesthood, and a new family would serve in the temple. God's promise was, "For them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

The boy Samuel ministered to the Lord during these days, doing

mentalism, Liberalism, Catholicism, the Cults, and Scriptural Separation which Pastor John Pope reports strengthened the church greatly. He highly recommends Evangelist Hall as an evangelist.

**EVANGELIST BOB PERSSON**, 11 Winthrop Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina, held a two-week meeting October 26-November 8 at the Cedar Bluff Baptist Church of Atkins, Virginia. Pastor Claude Slagle reports 30 rededications, 3 volunteered to the mission field, 1 was called to preach and 1 backslidden preacher renewed his vows with the Lord.

**EVANGELIST PAUL FERGUSON**, 1909 Anderson Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, recently held a meeting in the Harmony Baptist Church of Fulton, Ohio, where Rev. Jim Gant is pastor. During the revival there were 20 professions of faith and many rededications. This is the fourth time that Brother Ferguson has been in this church and he is invited back for 1961.

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whatever Eli told him to do. One night something very special happened. The little Samuel had gone to bed at night in the temple. Old Eli, now nearly blind, went to bed in his place. And the Lord



called Samuel, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel jumped up, called, "Here am I," and ran to Eli for instructions. You know he was used to running errands for him. When he said, "Here am I, for you called me," Eli replied, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed!"

Obediently, but surely puzzled, the little boy went back to bed. A second time he heard, "Samuel, Samuel!" And Samuel again ran to Eli calling, "Here I am, for you called me." And a second time Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed."

God's Word tells us that Samuel did not yet know the Lord.

But the third time that God called Samuel, something happened! He ran as before to Eli saying, "Here I am, for you called me." Now Eli knew the Lord and His ways, and it finally dawned on him that God must be in the thing. I doubt if he ever thought that Samuel was just a little boy trying to get to stay up longer by asking for a drink of water or some other privilege, after he should have been asleep. Eli finally realized that God must be calling the little boy, so he instructed him, "Go lie down again, and when you hear the voice calling you, you must answer, 'Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.'"

I am sure that Samuel went back to bed this time, excited as a boy would be, but much more confident, because the confusion was over. This time he knew who was calling him, and what he ought to answer!

When the Lord came and stood near and called him as He had the other three times, Samuel immediately said, "Speak, for thy servant heareth."

Then God told the little boy alone the terrible things that would happen to Eli and his sons, his household, because of the sins of his family, and because Eli did not keep them from doing these great wrongs.

Poor little Samuel! Perhaps he wished he could talk to his mother about the sad news he had heard. Apparently he didn't sleep at all that night! Surely he loved Eli for whom he worked every day in serving God. And this was sad news! He didn't want to tell Eli about it. Very early the next morning he quietly got up and opened the gates of the temple. He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision he had had.

However, soon Eli called, "Samuel, my son!" And of course obedient Samuel replied, "Here I am" as he ran to his priest.

Then Eli asked, "What did the Lord tell you last night? Don't be afraid to tell it to me. Don't hide anything that God said from me." Perhaps fearfully Samuel told everything in the vision, "every whit" of how the Lord would punish Eli's family because of his own failure to make his sons behave in God's house, and in properly respecting the offerings of the Lord.

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## The Protestant Priesthood

(Continued from page 1)

By one word from his lips he changes a piece of bread into a God! A greater fact than the creation of a world.

"If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I would salute the priest before saluting the angel. The priest holds the place of God."

Millions of true Christians outside the Roman Church stand aghast at hearing or reading those words. To them they almost border on blasphemy. They are absolutely foreign to the Word of God. Let anyone carefully read every verse in every chapter of the 27 New Testament books and he will find not even the slightest hint of any such superior class of men as the Roman priesthood claims to be. A passage of Scripture is misinterpreted, and on this misinterpretation a doctrine is built; then by an accumulation of human tradition a system of priesthood is evolved, having no support in Scripture but actually opposed to Scripture, yet believed in as the truth of God by millions of sincere people, who, if they read the Bible, interpret it only as they are permitted to do so.

Before looking at this disputed passage let me remind my reader that the Bible tells us no man can forgive sin but God only (Mark 2:7). In no instance does the Bible record that any apostle ever acted as intermediary between God and man in forgiving sins except in the sense that as preachers of the Gospel they were to declare men forgiven who would believe their message. Never does any apostle hear confession and then say, "I forgive you." They were sent to preach the Gospel of God's forgiveness, and to declare on the authority of Christ that those who believed would have their sins remitted, and those who did not believe would continue condemned.

### 1. Three Scripture Passages Catholics Understand to Teach Catholic Priesthood

In an upper room after His resurrection Jesus commissioned His disciples to go and preach remission of sins to all who would believe the Gospel. Here are the three parallel passages in the Roman Catholic version of the Bible:

*"At length He appeared to the eleven as they were at the table: and He upbraided them with their incredulity and hardness of heart, because they did not believe them who had seen Him after He was risen again. And He said unto them, Go ye into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be condemned."*—Mark 16:14-16.

*"Then He opened their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures. And He said to them, Thus it is written and thus it behoved Christ to suffer and to rise again from the dead the third day. And that penance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."*—Luke 24:45-49.

*"He said therefore to them again, Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent me, I also send you. When He had said this He breathed on them, and He said to them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins ye shall forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins ye shall retain they are retained."*—John 20:21-23.

### 2. How the Apostles Themselves Understood These Scriptures

Now here is a very fair and simple test of the meaning of these words. Who would better or as well know their meaning than the apostles to whom they were spoken? How did they interpret them? They believed that by Christ's words they were commissioned to declare forgiveness of sins to all who would repent and believe the Gospel. As Christ is preached the sinner is either bound or loosed; his sins are either remitted or retained according to his attitude toward the message preached. If he believes, we are to declare him forgiven and saved; if he does not believe we are to declare him still under con-

demnation. There is no reference here to a confessional box, or of special authority to a priest to say to a fellow sinner, "I forgive your sins."

In the first sermon Peter preached after being commissioned he said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). Exactly similar was the ministry of St. Paul, Commissioned to preach as were the other apostles he said, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified" (Acts 13:38, 39).

If the Roman Catholic interpretation of this disputed passage had meant what they teach their people it means, then Peter and the other apostles would have gone out from Christ's presence to set up confessionals, and start forgiving sins as do the Roman priests. Is there any instance in the entire New Testament where they granted absolution to anyone as is the priestly custom in the Roman Church? Nowhere do we find the apostles calling for auricular confession, and giving absolution. Here again, as with the primacy of Peter, we have a doctrine built on a misinterpretation.

### The Priesthood of the Bible

When we turn from tradition to Scripture we find three kinds of priesthood mentioned. (1) The priesthood of the Old Testament; (2) The High Priesthood of Christ; (3) The priesthood of all believers.

#### 1. The Old Testament Priesthood Finished, Superseded By Christ's Eternal Priesthood

The priests of the Old Testament were set apart for the offering of sacrifices to God. They were a medium through whom worship was offered on behalf of the people. Actually the Old Testament priest was a mediator between God and the people.

The New Testament teaches that we live in another and better day, and under a new order of things. A priest has appeared, a High Priest, even Jesus Christ Himself, to present a once-for-all sacrifice to God on behalf of sinners, so that the work of priests in offering sacrifice for sins has been forever abolished.

This is clearly stated in chapters 9 and 10 of Hebrews. There we read, "Once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb. 9:26). Again, "We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:10).

There we are told that the sacrifice of Calvary was a once-for-all sacrifice. It cannot be repeated. The utmost demands of God's justice were fully and forever satisfied by Christ's death on the cross. Hence we read: "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God" (Heb. 10:12).

Over twenty times we are told that Jesus sat down in Heaven. That meant His sacrificial work was finished. It required no further order of priests to perpetuate this sacrifice and to make an offering for sins. The Old Testament order of priesthood was forever done away in Christ. He died once for the remission of our sins, and God's Word clearly states, "Where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin" (Heb. 10:18).

This is part of the good news we would pass on to our friends in the Roman church. Sin, either venial or mortal, has been put away by the sacrifice of God's dear Son. God wants us to believe that and not live in a prison of fear all our lives. The Bible teaches that one offering for sin has been presented to God the Father, by Christ the Son, and that offering was of such priceless value that it cannot be augmented or supplemented in any way. As one has said:

"What need is there of a priest since He Himself died, 'the just for the unjust'? What will you offer to God? By what

means can you increase the value of that infinite Sacrifice? Pile up your good works, make mention of all your alms-deeds, bring all your prayers and Bible reading, your observance of ordinances, and the performance of religious duties, give all that you are, your body, at last to be burned—in what respect do these human efforts augment the value of that one great Sacrifice, represented by the blood which flowed from the heart of Incarnate Deity? What more can anyone do than Jesus Christ has done? Why need we therefore any priest, since we have Jesus Christ, our one great High Priest over the house of God?"

#### 2. It Is Presumption and Unbelief to Give Honor to Human Priests As Doing What Christ Alone Does

The abolition of a priestly caste standing between God and man was dramatically illustrated by God Himself on the day of the crucifixion, by the rending of the temple veil. Hanging between the sanctuary and the holy of holies was that intervening curtain. Beyond that veil was the mercy seat, symbol of God's presence. Not to every believer, but to the High Priest only, was the privilege given of entering within the veil. That separating curtain signified "that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest" (Heb. 9:8). But as the tragedy of Golgotha nears its end, and the divine victim cries, "It is finished," suddenly a strange noise fills the temple. There is a rending sound as the veil of the temple is split in two from top to bottom. The ministering priests find themselves gazing at the open veil with wondering eyes.

What did it mean? It meant that Jesus Christ had opened up the way to God for every man. The veil was rent from top to bottom, for God's own hand from above had removed the separating curtain. Not just one man or group of men but every man could now come to the mercy seat.

Now these Jewish priests did not perceive the meaning of the rent veil. The same veil torn by God's hand was patched up again by priestly hands and for forty years afterward, until the fall of Jerusalem, sacrifices were offered and the patched-up veil stood between God and man.

Today the Roman priesthood is the patching of the veil. The interposition of ordinances, sacraments, confessional, Masses, and all such priestly ceremonies, is the insistence on a curtain which God Himself had removed. It aims to continue a sacrifice which the Bible says was made by Christ "once for all." It tries to perpetuate a ministry of which Christ cried on the cross, "It is finished." It attempts to add to His perfect sacrifice what has no need of human addition. It places human, fallible priests, the Virgin Mary, and dead saints between the sinner and God, although the Bible distinctly declares, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5).

When our Lord said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," He thus abolished all middle men between the soul and God. Having Christ as our High Priest, what need is there of another?

#### 3. All Born-Again Believers Are Priests

But while the Bible cuts clean across the pretentious claims of the limited priesthood of Rome, it also speaks of a priestly ministry of an altogether different kind, enjoyed by all believers. There is a universal priesthood that is the privilege and duty of every child of God, and it shows the contrast between the unscriptural priesthood of Rome and the priesthood of the New Testament.

In Revelation 1:5, 6 we read, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever, Amen."

Also in 1 Peter 2:9 we read, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him

who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

Now mark what Peter says regarding royal priests, "ye are . . . a royal priesthood." Not "ye will be," as if it were a future distinction; not "ye might be," as if it were a privilege reserved for only the most consecrated believers; but "ye are priests," even those whom he had just addressed in verse 2 as "newborn babes." Because they were God's children, true believers in Christ, they were priests, all of them without exception.

This, then, is the priesthood of the New Testament: First, the High Priesthood of Christ in Heaven; Second, the universal priesthood of all believers.

One of the privileges of a believer priest is that we have direct access to God in prayer through the merit of the shed blood of Christ. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23). Every believing sinner whom Christ has washed in His blood, He has made a priest unto God with the privilege of praying directly to God without the intervention of any third party. We do not need Mary, or any saint, or any other mediator. Indeed there is actually no other mediator through whom we may approach God except the one only mediator, Jesus Christ Himself. It is true that we are sinful, and unworthy to approach God, but here is where Roman Catholics fail to see God's true way of salvation. When we come before God in prayer we are not to think of our own merit but the merit of Christ's perfect life and sacrifice. Christ died for our sins. He forever put them away. God sees us as we are in His Son. We are clothed in His righteousness, the imputed righteousness which is the gift of God to every believing sinner. "For by grace [unmerited favor] are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

In addition to the privilege of direct access to God in prayer for himself and for others, the believer priest is called to offer

spiritual sacrifices to God as we read in 1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also . . . are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Now these are not sacrifices for sin. Never! Jesus Christ did that for us once for all. We can never add to His atoning sacrifice. It was perfect. With it God was fully satisfied. The sacrifices we as Christians offer today are connected with our worship and service.

One sacrifice is the sacrifice of praise mentioned in Hebrews 13:15: "By him therefore [Christ] let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." The gratitude of our heart, expressed by our lips in praise, is what the believer priest offers on the altar to God. The occupation of a New Testament priest is the offering of thanks to God. When the children of God meet for worship, and a stream of praise in song or testimony is set flowing Godward, it is an offering to God of sweet-smelling savour. With such sacrifices God is well pleased.

The second sacrifice is the offering of our gifts upon God's altar. We read in Hebrews 13:16, "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." This refers to the giving of our substance, our money, for the support of God's work. God looks upon our offerings to His treasury as a sacrifice laid upon His altar, and when we give generously and with a pure motive, He has declared His pleasure in receiving such gifts.

The Bible speaks of a third sacrifice. In Romans 12:1 we read, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." This refers to the offering of our bodies on the altar of service that the work of God may be carried on by us.

The offering of the Old Testament priest was a dead animal; ours is a living body with all its ransomed powers. When the Old

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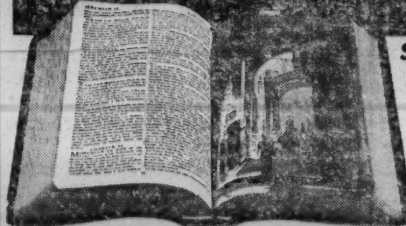
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## "Prepare to Meet Thy God"

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ling stars. It is God who fans the gentle zephyrs in your face. You have got to meet God everywhere.

I tell you, my friends, with this life of yours you have got to meet God as certainly as you live. We have no right to trifle with life and gamble with opportunities. We have no right to play with the meaningful matters of immortality, for God is everywhere. God says it is the fool who says "in his heart there is no God." Any man who says there is no God, God says of him that he is beside himself. In that particular he is a subject for the insane asylum.

I led in my early ministry a beautiful couple to the marriage altar and there with the solemnities of marital service I pronounced them husband and wife. Into their beautiful home they went and lived there happily for twelve months. A beautiful little baby came to their love and to their arms; and in giving birth to the little baby it cost this mother her life.

I was there when she died a few days after the little one came. And I shall never forget it. To her husband, now a proud but broken-hearted father, as she held the baby in her arms, she said, "Charlie, this baby is God's gift to our love. It has pleased God to take me. I shall not live another hour." She said, "I turn our little boy over to you. He is an immortal soul. I charge you to guard his life. I charge you to train his mind. I charge you to lead his soul to Christ. And then I charge you to train him as a Christian man, if God leaves him with you that long. I charge you, my darling husband, to bring the

only child of our love up yonder to meet me at the Judgment Bar of God."

I went away from that dying pillow and that awful charge of that young mother with a new sense of what it means to live.

I tell you, my friend, life, the responsibilities of life, is one of the chief responsibilities of this old world. And I will tell you in view of the judgment, in view of immortality, in view of God who walks and lives among us, you and I have no right to trifle with our lives.

There is another sphere in which we have got to meet God and that is the sphere of our influence. Every man casts his shadow. Every man has his influence. It is either for good or for bad. Sometimes it is good, sometimes it is bad. Oh, the responsibilities of the things we set in motion by our influence. My friends, you have got to meet God with your influence. You cannot lead your child to Hell and not have heaped on you at the Judgment Bar of God the responsibility for your neglect.

A lawyer, an unsaved man, in a central city in my state, had a little boy eleven years of age or younger. One morning the snow had fallen on the ground. It was the lawyer's habit as he walked from the house to the main street, down the street to his office, to stop in at a saloon for his morning dram. On this morning as he walked with his law book under his arm making tracks in the snow, he heard a sound and looked behind him to see his little boy just reaching as far as his little legs would let him and stepping and stepping and stepping. He turned and said, "Son, what are you doing?"

The little boy said, "Oh, nothing, just stepping in Daddy's tracks."

He sent the child back into the house; but he was unable to send away from his soul the words of his little boy. When he got down the street to turn into the saloon he remembered what his little boy had said. He went on up to his office and sitting down opened his law book and read on every page, "Stepping in Daddy's tracks," "Stepping in Daddy's tracks," "Stepping in Daddy's tracks."

Greatly disturbed, he opened his mail. In every letter he read, "Stepping in Daddy's tracks," "Stepping in Daddy's tracks," "Stepping in Daddy's tracks." And that man became conscious of the responsibilities that he had on him in his life before his child and became a great Christian lawyer.

I wonder tonight how many of us are conscious of the fact that we have got to meet God with our influence?

There is another sphere in which we are to meet God and that is the sphere of death. Sooner or later there will be crepe on our doors. Within less than one hundred years from now there will not be a man or woman whom I speak to tonight above the ground. And in that solemn ordeal everyone of us will have to meet God.

I have seen all classes and kinds of men and women die. I have seen men shot down and die in their tracks. I have seen them linger with long diseases and finally fade and die. I have seen the little child, I have seen the woman ninety-four years of age die and pass out into the other world. I will tell you, my friends, that everyone of us will have to meet God in that solemn hour that is just ahead of us, the awful hour of death. I ask you tonight, Are you prepared to meet God with your life?

You may blot out the future and put out the fire of Hell and shut the door of Heaven and say there is no future life. If that be so, I want to be a Christian in this world. I want to have the joy and the power and the pleasure and the comfort and the blessing that come from Christ's religion if there is no future.

Are you prepared to meet God with your influence? Are you prepared to meet God in the solemn hour of death? Are you prepared to meet Him? If you are not, God help you to get ready now to meet God.

There is another sphere in

which you have got to meet God and that is beyond this vale of tears, this life of toil; it is beyond the grave, it is beyond the resurrection. You have got to meet God at the Judgment Bar—that day for which all other days were made. And you will be helpless there, my friends, just as you are in the hour of death. Oh, the hand that would reach out to help you when you come to die will fail of its power; and that hand that would reach out to come to your help at the Judgment Bar of God will fail. You have got to stand at the Judgment Bar of God either in your own shoes or in the shoes of Jesus Christ. Are you prepared tonight to live or to die or to stand at the Judgment Bar of God?

Now, this Scripture says we have got to meet Him. There is no way to escape it. There is no way to evade it. There is no way to avoid it. And I will tell you, my friends, when you come to the Judgment Bar of God you are not going to be able to turn off on somebody else the excuses for your sins.

One morning early my telephone rang. Somebody at the other end of the line said, "Mr. So and So has shot himself almost through the heart and he is calling for you." As soon as I could get by his side I was there. It was a home of poverty, a home of sin, a home of neglect. For two weeks this man had been on a drunk, and recovering from the drunken spree found himself sick and discouraged and took his own pistol and shot himself. He took me by the hand at seven o'clock in the morning and I was unable to get free from his grip until eleven o'clock when his hand fell pulseless at his side. I begged him for hours to give his heart to Christ. Just before he died I called his family in. His oldest boy fourteen years of age came and hugged and kissed his father good-by. I will never forget what that father said to that son. And then the children one after another came, until the sixth one, the baby came.

Then he came to bid farewell to his faithful, good wife who was a Christian. He took her by the hand, still holding on to my hand, and said, "Molly, you have been a good wife. For these sixteen years you have had to do all the praying; you have had to do all the Bible study; all the teaching of the Word of God to our children. You have had to do all the church going, all the godly living. I have not helped you at all." He said, "Molly, for sixteen years you have stood for me in religion. Now, I am dying; I want to know if you are going to stand for me at the Judgment Bar of God."

The pale, sad-faced woman with tears covering her face, turned to me for an answer and I said, "Old fellow, you have thrown off on God here and your faithful wife has done everything she could for you; but at the Judgment Bar of God you will have to stand in your own shoes. You have got to come to God's judgment and face your record and face your sins." And he died and went out without God, unprepared to die.

I will tell you, my friends, it is a terrible matter to live these years of ours and spit in the face of God and turn His righteousness and His Son and His religion out into the scrap heap. This Scripture, "Prepare to meet thy God," says you must prepare. And the Bible tells you how to prepare to meet God.

### The Way of Preparation

There are two ways to prepare to meet God being handed out to the world today. One is prepare by works, by good deeds, by ceremonies, by church membership and prepare by submitting to the ordinances of the church and prepare by liberality, by subscribing to a creed, or by going through a religious performance. There are those who are teaching the doctrine that men can be saved by works.

Then there is a doctrine that is made perfectly plain in the Word of God, the way of salvation by Jesus Christ, by faith in Him, by the working of the Divine Spirit, by the new birth that comes through Jesus Christ, by His grace, by His imputed righteousness. There is that way that is laid out before men.

In 1896, having finished my course of training in an eastern school, I came back home, and about the 19th of June I landed in Waco. I picked up the morning paper. It spoke of a great wreck on the trains going into and coming out of New York City. Three hundred Knights of Pythias were on one train going into New York and another train loaded with passengers was coming out on the same track and there was a terrible collision. Some forty or fifty people were killed.

Everywhere the paper said there were the dying and the crying and the wounded, and everywhere there lay the dead. When they began to pull away the rubbish they found the engineer of one of those trains. He was crushed under his engine and just a little life was left. In his right hand he held a piece of yellow paper on which was written the orders that the chief dispatcher had given to him. Tears were running down his face and blood was rushing from his mouth and in a little while he was dead. But amid the cries they heard him say, "Somebody gave me the wrong orders!"

When you go to make a map for anybody in this world, you had better be sure that you give it according to the New Testament. Now, I do not know anything about the next world except what Jesus Christ who has come back from the next world tells us; and I thank God I believe everything He says about it.

God pity the man or the preacher in these days of evolution and these days of destructive criticism who would cut out one leaf of that Old Book. He is as bad as the sailor who throws away his compass and chart and starts out without anything to guide him across the seas. I thank God that I stand on it four square and accept it as God's old Book and the chart for the soul; Jesus Christ has made plain the way of salvation. Do I speak tonight to an inquiring soul? I do not want to give you the wrong orders. I do not want to meet you at the Judgment Bar of God and have you point your finger at me and say, "He gave me the wrong orders."

What sort of preparation ought a man make to be saved? They are laid down in God's Word—two steps to God and eternal life—just two. There are not a thousand. There are not twenty-seven. There are just two steps to God.

### Repentance

That first step is repentance. Step up on it tonight. What is repentance? Turning away from your sins, giving up the love of your sins, your affection for everything that you know

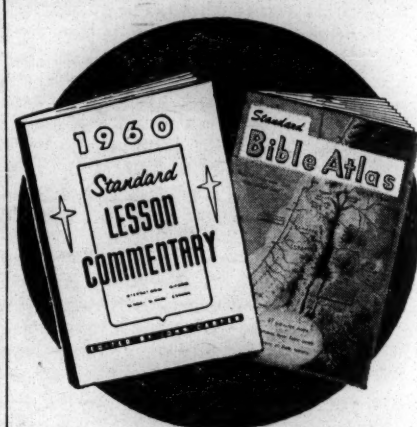
to be wrong in your life. It is turning right about with a new view and a new vision of God. And I tell you, my friends, it is giving up all of your sins. You cannot come into God's kingdom with one hand open and the other hand behind your back holding on to something displeasing to God. You have got to make a clean breast of your sins, and God makes it absolutely necessary for you to give up your sins. There is no substitute for repentance. Baptism is not a substitute; a good moral life is not a substitute; an oil well with its streams of money turned into the kingdom of God is not a substitute. Old John D. Rockefeller with his multiplied

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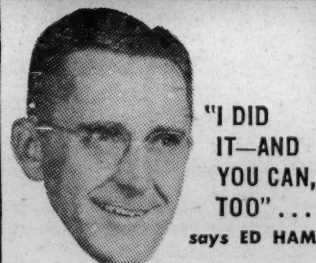
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millions has to come like any other sinner into the kingdom of God. That is the first step to God.

There sat on the first seat in a great meeting one afternoon a little boy nine years of age and an old man eighty-three years of age. That was the first time in fifty years that the old man had been in church. He said, "For sixty years I have been an atheist and denied God and His Son and the inspiration of His Bible." The old man was a surgeon of almost state-wide fame. That little boy from a good family in that community and that old atheist sat there together. I got on my knees in front of them and told them the same story. I said to the little boy, "You have to give up your sins." I said the same thing to the old doctor. I said to both of them, "You have got to come the same way. As the snail and the long-necked giraffe had to go into the ark by the same door, you will have to come into the kingdom the same way."

### Faith

The next step is faith in Jesus Christ, a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ. It is more than an intellectual or a moral matter. It is a spiritual matter. You may accept Jesus Christ as a historical person, yet go down to Hell. I will tell you, my friends, if you haven't got religion below your collar button, you haven't got any.

Now, I believe tonight that every man and woman who have given up their sins and trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ, whether they have joined any church or all the churches or no church, they are saved by the blood of Christ. And I believe any man in or out of the church who has not done that is going to Hell unless he changes. He has to do those things—trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, give up his sins; and when he does that, there comes Christ into his soul, a new hope, a new joy, a new peace, a new grip on the life that now is and is to come.

### Things to Remember

First, my friends, prepare to meet God and do it now. In this important matter there are some things I would like for you to remember. First, I would have you remember that you do not have many opportunities where there is a favorable atmosphere in which to be saved. When you you come to think of it, there are but few opportunities that men have where there is a favorable surrounding in which they may be saved.

I spoke to a man today who has been and seems to be now a gentlemanly fellow. He has not been inside of a church for more than five years and he has lived all these years in a community where there are many churches. He said to me, "It has not been because I have not wanted to go; it is because I am just a busy sinner and I have been absorbed in business."

Now and then there come into communities great wide-sweeping revivals that reach anything like a majority of the unsaved men. And in their homes there is not much religion. The habit of family prayer has died out. And family religion seems to be in most cases a dead issue in these days. I thank God a man can be saved anywhere or at any time that he will turn his heart to Jesus Christ.

Another thing I want you to remember is that it is not going to be an easy matter for you to be saved. You have the habits of a lifetime. Many of you have the passions and temptations of many years on you; and it takes a man to break away from those difficulties. It is a big job to make preparation to meet God. It is worthy of the attention and the time and the talent of the biggest and best men in your community. Oh, tonight that you may know that you have to break away and ride over your difficulties in order to settle this great matter.

Another thing to remember is that facing these difficulties and overcoming these temptations you have a great deal to help you. You have Jesus Christ and the Divine Spirit and the cooper-

ating help of God's people on your side. You have on your side the Bible and the prayers of your mother, the prayers of God's people.

I wonder tonight if there is another man here like the one here last night. A big, fine-looking man, an oil driller, after the service came to me and said, "Did you preach in Mangum years ago?"

I thought a minute and said, "I did."

He said, "My old mother heard you preach then and she wrote me that you would be here and told me by all means to come and hear you."

I bless God that before he got away from this tabernacle he was prepared to meet God. Oh, the influence of a mother's prayers and letters! I pray you in Christ's name to make preparation to meet God and make it now.

I have read this New Testament through looking for one thing and I did not find it—a promise for the good of an unsaved man in the future tense. It is not there. All the promises for the good of the unsaved in God's Word are in the present tense. They are NOW. Now is the day of salvation. Come to Christ now. God help you to know that God is on your side for salvation now. Before tomorrow morning God's wrath may fall on you and He promises a now salvation.

I won't promise you that you can be saved tomorrow if you come to this tabernacle. There may not be any tomorrow for you. This tabernacle may be in a crevice in this old world. God help you to know that if you are to make preparation to meet God with any certainty, you have to do it now. Oh, my friends, prepare to meet God.

### My Decision for Christ

You have read the wonderful sermon by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who has now gone to be with the Lord he served so well. Now listen to an earnest plea by the editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Dr. Scarborough was my teacher. I have heard him thank God that he had taken the hand of over twenty thousand people who came to claim Christ publicly as Saviour. Being dead, he yet speaks to your heart, pleads with you to prepare to meet God.

If you are still unconverted, if you have never until today accepted Christ and trusted Him to be your own Saviour from sin, will you take Him this moment? Will you depend on Jesus Christ now to forgive your sins and save your soul? Will you now prepare to meet God by repentance and faith? If you will do so, turn your heart this moment away from your sins in honest repentance and depend upon Christ to forgive you and save you. Say yes in your heart to Christ! Then sign the statement below, copy it in a letter or on a card and mail it to me at once. The moment you trust Him, Christ will forgive you and save you. And I will send you a letter of counsel and encouragement.

Oh, in Jesus' name, prepare to meet God this moment! Will you do it? I will expect to hear from you in a letter like the following:

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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read the sermon, "Prepare to Meet Thy God," by Dr. L. R. Scarborough. I know what he said is true. This moment I confess to God that I am a sinner, I repent of my sin and accept Christ as my own Saviour. Here and now I trust Him and depend upon Him to forgive all my sins and save my soul. By God's help I will claim Him as my Saviour and earnestly strive to live for Him.

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## The Protestant Priesthood

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See then, my Catholic friend, the striking difference between the limited priesthood of Rome, based on misinterpretation and tradition, and the true priesthood of the Bible, and once again I ask you, Are we to make our soul's salvation to depend on human tradition or on the clear teaching of God's Word?

I have given you the Bible for all I have said on priesthood. If you love the Lord Jesus Christ you will hear and obey His Word. He told us that was the mark of a true Christian. He said, "He that is of God heareth God's Word" (John 8:47). He said the distinguishing mark between His true sheep and those who were not His sheep would be their attitude toward His Word, for in John 10:27 we read, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." There we have Christ's Word for all who seek salvation. When it is a clear choice between the voice of Christ and the voice of a church there should be only one answer. Every Catholic owes it to his own eternal welfare to read these New Testament passages and see for himself that they are God's own Word. May we ever remember that Jesus warned, "The word that I have spoken [not human tradition] the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

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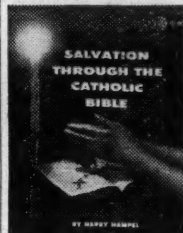
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## Should a Christian Observe Christmas?

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me. Nearly all of the names we have we inherited from heathen people. Many of the names of cities, towns, counties, and rivers in America are Indian names. But when we see the Susquehanna River, or Shawnee, Oklahoma, or Comanche, Texas, we are not thinking about the Indians, and the names have no connotation of heathendom. Names mean what they mean, no matter what the origin.

The Seventh-Day Adventists sometimes make much of the fact that the name of our day, *Sunday*, comes from the worship of the sun. I reply that Saturday is named for the god Saturn. But nobody has any reference to the sun when they use the word *Sunday* or when they worship on Sunday, and no one has any reference to the god Saturn when they work or serve on Saturday. It is foolish to make an artificial distinction when none exists in the mind and heart of people who observe Christmas. January was named for the Roman god Janus. Are Christians therefore sinning when they call the month by that name? To every sensible person, Christmas simply means Christmas. It does not mean any kind of mass. Catholics may observe it with a mass, but Protestants do not.

### 3. It Is Claimed That Christmas Was a Former Heathen Holiday

I shall not go into the argument pro and con, but it is not well proven, I think, that Christmas was a former heathen holiday. But if it were, that would not change the fact that heathen people did something on every day, and we cannot do away with all the days that heathen people used, whether for worship, or for ceremonies about sowing, or about reaping, or about the solstices, or the new moons. We use the same sun that heathen people worshiped, and we love the sun rising and sun setting, though we do not have the heathen ceremonies about that. This argument is not important.

I held a blessed revival campaign in the Binghamton Theater, Binghamton, New York, sponsored by eight churches, in 1936. The fact that here people had seen lewd movies, or burlesque shows, or legitimate theater productions, did not change the fact that now the building was used for the glory of God and souls were saved. I myself am under new management, too. Once the Devil lived within; now Jesus Christ lives within. So if heathen people used the twenty-fifth of December for idolatry, why should Christians

not use it now to honor Jesus Christ and His birth? If we have any day to represent Christ, it will be a day somebody else has used for bad purposes; but, thank God, all the days belong to Christ now, and none of them belong to heathen gods. Why should any Christian be grieved if I especially think about the birth of Christ on December 25? Is that a worse sin than working to make money on that day? Why should anybody grieve if I sing Christmas carols, if I have a happy celebration with a feast, and if I go over the Bible story of the birth of Christ and teach it to my children, on Christmas day? Does that dishonor God? Do you think you would honor God more by having less Scripture, less songs, less of the spirit of giving, less manifestation of love for others? I do not think so! All the days belong to Jesus Christ, and December 25 should be used to honor Him, too, in one way or another.

### 4. Christmas Trees and Decorations Are Counted by Some an Abomination

Some have even said that the Bible forbids the use of Christmas trees. A woman called my attention to Jeremiah 10:3, 4, thinking it referred to Christmas trees. That Scripture says:

*"For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not."*

But does that Scripture talk about the Christmas tree? Not at all. It speaks of an idol made out of wood, covered with silver and gold. The next verse says:

*"They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good."*

The idol is not a real god; it cannot see, nor hear, nor do good, nor bad. So verse 8 below says that "the stock [or idol] is a doctrine of vanities." And the rest of the Scripture tells how elaborately and expensively the idol is made out of silver and gold, and dressed in purple. And then verse 10 tells us: "But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God . . ." Verse 11 says: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth . . ."

No, the Bible does not forbid Christmas trees.

It is true that heathen people have sometimes worshiped trees.

They have also worshiped animals, worshiped the wind, worshiped the ocean, worshiped the sun. But there is no worship of idols in setting up a green Christmas tree as a decoration, as a symbol of joy and gladness.

Is there harm in decorating the house with holly, or mistletoe, or other evergreen? No more than decorating the house with pumpkins, and oak leaves, and cornstalks at Thanksgiving time! No more than decorating graves with flowers on Memorial Day. Flowers are suitable for the springtime. The pumpkins and corn and autumn leaves are suitable for the fall season. In midwinter there are few flowers, so it is most natural that the evergreens should be used to decorate the home. Surely God is not displeased if we pay attention to some of His natural beauties.

But the decorations on a Christmas tree could not possibly be called heathen, could not possibly have any idolatrous significance.

Who thinks that heathen people worshiped their gods with paper chains? Who thinks that popcorn on a string is a form of idolatry? Who thinks that electric lights on a tree, for the joy of little children and to brighten the home while people sing Christmas carols, are sinful? I love Christmas and Christmas decorations, and I do not think they are wrong. They are but an expression of that joy that is in the heart as I think how God became man, how the Creator became a baby, how "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9).

### 5. Some Object to Christmas Because of Worldliness and Unchristian Revelry That Takes Place During the Holidays

It is true that a great many people do not honor Jesus Christ at Christmas. I think they greatly sin. Some people drink more liquor

during Christmastime than at any other time in the year. That is a sin. Many business people think of Christmas only as a time to make money. In this they are wrong. Sometimes even Christian people tell the silly lie about Santa Claus and deceive little children with a heathen legend, when they could tell about the dear Lord Jesus. I think that is wickedness. A lie is always wrong and always hateful to God. Deceit is the poorest possible way to honor the birth of the Lord Jesus. I do not believe in having Santa Claus at Sunday School or church services unless everybody understands that it is only a little parody, it is only play-acting. Certainly to deceive little children with a lie about Santa Claus is a sin. No Christian ought to condone it. Here the truth is so much better than a lie. We should tell people that the dear Lord Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Yes, people often dishonor

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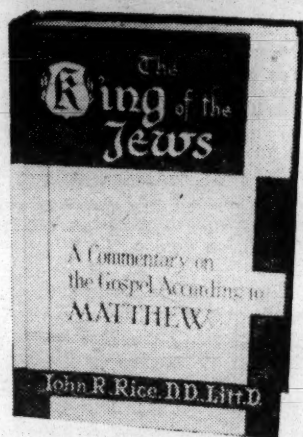
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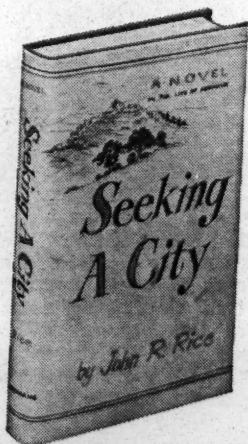
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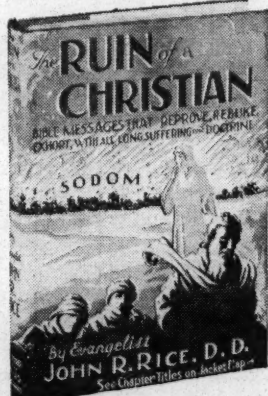
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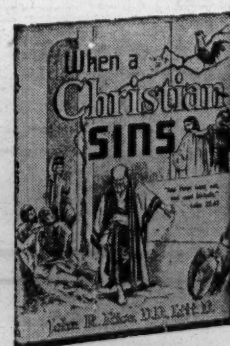
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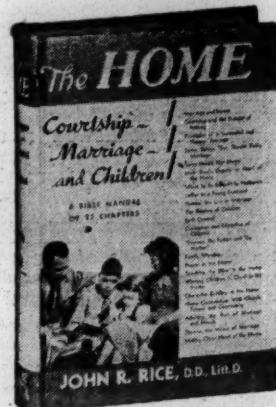
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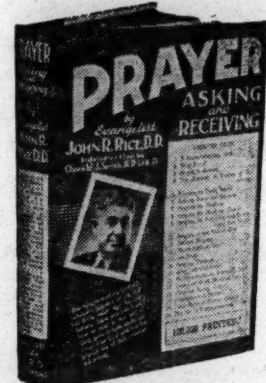
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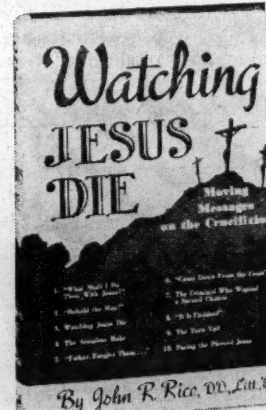
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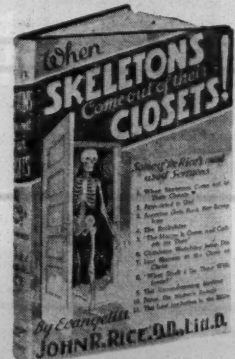
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- 1 "\_\_\_\_\_ free, and not using your liberty for a cloke"
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- 9 initials of the nation from which a mighty man of David came, and his initial (II Sam. 11:3)
- 11, 13, 24 "As \_\_\_\_\_, the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"
- 15 "the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a \_\_\_\_\_ for herself" Ps. 84
- 16 a deadly poisonous snake of India
- 18 "what glory is \_\_\_\_\_, if ... ye shall take it patiently?"
- 19 a son of Gilead (Num. 26:30)
- 20 "Which \_\_\_\_\_ time past were not a people, but are now the people of God"
- 21 "a rock of offence, even to them which stumble \_\_\_\_\_ the word"
- 23 a famous volcano in Sicily (\_\_\_\_ a)
- 24 see 11 across
- 27 "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on \_\_\_\_\_ tree"
- 29 son of Judah (Gen. 38:7)
- 30 first two letters of two Old Testament prophets' names: one who reproved David (II Sam. 12:7) one who prophesied against Nineveh (Nahum 1:1)
- 32 initials of two churches to whom Paul wrote epistles (I Thess. 1:1; Col. 1:2)
- 34 "if any would not work, neither should he \_\_\_\_\_" II Thess. 3
- 36 "was rebuked for his iniquity: the \_\_\_\_\_ ass speaking with man's voice" II Pet. 2
- 38 first two letters of mountain from which Jesus ascended to Heaven (Acts 1:12)
- 39 "when Jesus knew that his \_\_\_\_\_ was come that he should depart out of this world" John 13
- 41 the lowing of a cow
- 42 "that ye may be \_\_\_\_\_ and without offence till the day of Christ" Phil. 1
- 43 "such as have need of \_\_\_\_\_ and not of strong meat" Heb. 5
- 44 the number of righteous people in Sodom for whom God would have spared the city (Gen. 18:32)
- 45 an altar (Josh. 22:34)
- 46 man slain by Cain (Gen. 4:8)
- 48 Latin word for olive
- 50 "I \_\_\_\_\_ no pleasant bread" Dan. 10
- 51 "\_\_\_\_\_ this is our God; we have waited for him" Isa. 25
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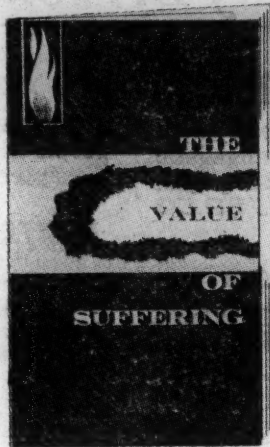
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- 5 initials of the two wives of Jacob (Gen. 33:2)
- 6 "For Christ also hath \_\_\_\_\_ suffered for sins, the just for the unjust" I Pet. 3
- 7 archaic word for ebbs
- 8 "that ye should shew forth the praises of him who called you out of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 9 "Who, when \_\_\_\_\_ was reviled, reviled not again"
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## Should a Christian Observe Christmas?

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God at Christmas. I am sorry they do. I hope no Christian who reads this will grieve God by such sins.

But we should not turn Christmas over to Satan and wicked people because some sin at Christmas.

Should we abandon Sunday because it is often misused? On the Lord's day there is more drunkenness than on any other day of the week. There is more revelry. Should Christians, therefore, count the Lord's day the Devil's day and give it up? Certainly not! There are a great many people who teach that baptism is essential to salvation. They give more honor to the water than to the blood of Christ. That is wrong. But should we, therefore, disobey Jesus Christ about baptism because some others have overstressed baptism and made it a false doctrine?

The second coming of Christ has been a greatly-abused and perverted doctrine with many. False cults have greatly perverted the doctrine of Christ's coming. People set dates. They speculate on signs. Should the rest of us honest Bible Christians, then, ignore the clear Bible doctrine of Christ's imminent second coming because the doctrine has been abused? Certainly not!

Nor should we ignore the Bible doctrine of the fullness of the Spirit because many people associate it with talking in tongues and with sinless perfection.

Just so, we would be very foolish if we turned Christmas over to Satan and worldlings. If the world has a Christmas of revelry, let us make it a day of Christian love and fellowship and a day honoring to Christ. Let us make much of the Christmas story in the Bible, of Christmas carols, of Christian love and fellowship.

Do other people make giving of gifts a mere form? Well, it does not need to be so for Christians. Christians can give gifts that really express love. They can make the gifts the response of an honest heart. We can send greetings with Scripture verses and with holy admonitions on them.

Is it wrong to have a day of rejoicing? Is it wrong to feast and to send portions to others? No indeed! When the remnant of Israel went back to the land of promise from the captivity in Babylon, under Nehemiah, the law was read and explained, and the people wept. But it was not a time for weeping, but a time for rejoicing. The wall of Jerusalem had been rebuilt. The gates had been hung. The city had been restored as the city of God, and the worship had begun. So let us listen to the plain commands of the Lord in such a case, as given in Nehemiah 8:9, 10:

"And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

And we are glad to learn in verse 12 below:

"And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them."

If Israelites would honor God

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by having a day of joy and feasting and of sending portions to others because the wall was rebuilt, and the gates were set up, and the worship established, then Christian people today do well to have a day of rejoicing over the birth of the Saviour and to send portions to one another and to make merry with spiritual joy!

Yes, I love Christmas! I feel near to God at Christmastime. I love the Word of God at Christmas. We read it and quote it again and again at our house. I like to use the Christmas time as a good excuse to get into people's hearts and win them to Christ. And, thank God, many have been saved because I brought a Christmas message, or because I urged sinners to accept God's great Christmas gift at Christmastime.

Let us have, then, a happy Christmas, and make Christ supreme on this day which we remember in honor of His birth!

(From the book I LOVE CHRISTMAS, John R. Rice, Library binding, 144 pp. \$2.00. At your bookstore, or from Sword of the Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois. Add 15c postage and packing.)

## Editor's Notes

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official gift to help get out the Gospel this Christmastime? Some would want to give on the next half million copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" to be printed in Japan. Some would want to give to our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund. Some would want to give to the "Voice of Revival" broadcast. And some might feel led to make a worthy gift to "Investment Evangelism," to provide capital for the ongoing of this blessed work, the Sword of the Lord Foundation. But would you not like to make Christmas a time of joyful giving, as a token of gratitude and love? We do not ask anything for ourselves but only offer others the privilege of joining us in giving to get out the Gospel to a lost world. You may address THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

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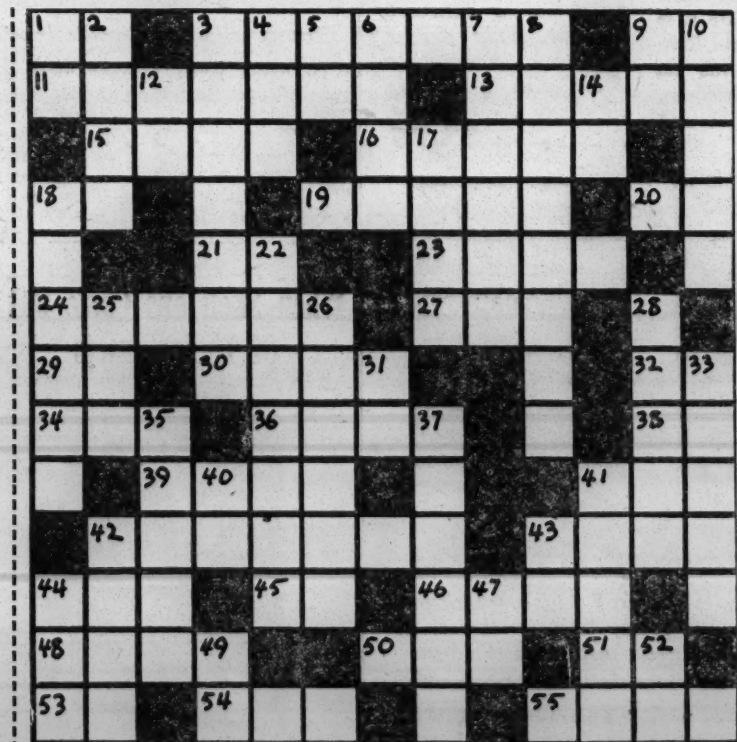
The Lord has been very near these last few days, and we felt a joy in more than usual prayer. And we need the prayers of those who love us and those who want this work to continue. Pray that God will give me courage, that God will overrule my weakness and in grace see fit to use such an unworthy instrument. Pray the power of God may be on THE SWORD OF THE LORD, on every issue, every sermon, every children's article, every defense of the faith, every Bible crossword puzzle, every revival report! And pray that God will pour out His power upon the "Voice of Revival" broadcast to the saving of multitudes. Oh, for a breath of Heaven every day, every hour on this work and this poor editor! Will you pray regularly and earnestly for us? If so, please write and tell us.

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# The Ox and the Ass

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down but evidently decided that if I could jump that fence on one side, she could jump it on the other! She forgot, however, that I had not been tied on to a donkey and a plow. Instead of clearing the fence she came down on top of it and then rolled off on the other side, breaking the harness and the plough and almost breaking the poor donkey's neck.

Bossy scrambled to her feet and high-tailed it away from there with the young fellow in hot pursuit.

It turned out that the young man did know one word of

English, after all. The very second, it seemed to me, that the cow took off for tall timber the young man yelled "money"! As the cow dragged him across the field he kept looking over his shoulder yelling "money, money, money." And as he leaped the fence and chased the cow into the distance he was still yelling "money"?

The Princess and I sat down on the fence and waited. After a while the fellow returned leading the cow. As soon as he came within earshot he began pointing at the broken harness and yelling "money." He looked at me with eager anticipation, the cow with angry suspicion. I felt that I really should pay something, so I stopped an Arab taxi driver and with him as an interpreter I offered the young man a dollar in settlement and he accepted with delight.

As we walked away my lovely wife looked up into my face and squeezed my arm as she smilingly said, "At least life with you is never dull... what a character!"

"But Princess," I protested, "that wasn't my fault. That cow just had a guilty conscience! She knew I was a preacher and so she tried to run away when she saw me coming. She knew she was wrong to be yoked up with that old donkey!"

Seriously, the Old Testament forbids plowing with a mixed team, with an ox and an ass.

## The Ox and the Ass

The ox is an illustration or picture of a Christian. In I Corinthians 9:9-11 we read:

"For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"

So the ox represents a Christian, and if the ox is working he should be allowed to live from the work he is doing. This is written for the sake of preachers, Paul said, so that everyone will understand that a preacher should be paid for his preaching rather than having to make a living doing some other work.

The donkey, on the other hand, pictures an unsaved sinner. This is made clear in Exodus 34:19, 20:

# Alcohol Facts

Here are some facts that should make all of us think. These figures were compiled by Dr. A. C. Ivy. Do you know that:

"All that openeth the matrix is mine: and every firstling among the cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male. But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck..."

A donkey, then, represents a sinner who must be redeemed or die. So when God gave the law that an ox and an ass should not be yoked up together He was teaching that a Christian and an unsaved sinner should not be yoked up together. This is made clear again in II Corinthians 6:14-18:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

In school we learned that things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other. But an ox and an ass are not the same thing, so when working together they are an unequal yoke or pair. And a Christian and a lost person are not the same, and when they team up together they make an unequal yoke or pair. God says a Christian and an unbeliever should not be yoked up together in any spiritual sense. This does not mean a Christian should not live in the same world with unbelievers and does not mean we should not try to reach them for Christ. But it does mean we should not team up with them in spiritual matters.

## In Revivals

I am an evangelist. Through the years I have consistently refused to conduct revival campaigns with men who do not believe the Bible, who do not believe Jesus was and is the virgin-born, sinless Son of God. In II John 9-11 is the plain statement that if any man does not believe the doctrine of Christ he is unsaved and a Christian is not to "receive" him as a brother or fellow-worker. To do so is to become "partaker of his evil deeds."

"But," someone may ask, "wouldn't it be all right for an ox and an ass to work together if only good seed is sown?" No, it would not be right. In the first place, God says do not do it. In the second place, history has proved again and again that it simply does not work. Sometimes an evangelist thinks he is smarter than God and he disobeys God and works with modernists and other unbelievers. And he may boast of all his "decisions." But honest investigation will prove that God knew best after all and it simply does not work.

## In Churches

It is a sin for saved and unsaved to belong to the same church. Too many Christians belong to worldly congregations made up of those who do and those who do not believe the Bible. Often the Christian feels he is the only real "testimony" in such a church and so should stay in. But he is not only making a mistake—he is sinning against the plain command of God. Good neighbor, if there are members in your church who do not believe the Bible, who are openly unsaved, then ask the congregation to put them out. And if it will not do it—then get out yourself even though it breaks your heart! Don't try to stay in and "clean up" the mess or try to save the property. Get out!

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We're sorry but, if you drink, we have nothing to offer you. We realize, of course, that you, along with good Christian folk who do not drink, can go into the clothing store, the super market, the shoe store, etc., put down your money, and pick out what you want. We realize also that normally you can clip out a coupon from this or any other publication, send it in with your money, and buy the same as anyone else, and at the same price. But what we have, is something that you cannot buy at any price if you drink.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

My occupation is \_\_\_\_\_

My beneficiary is \_\_\_\_\_

I also hereby apply for coverage for the members of my family listed below:

	Name	Date of Birth	Age	Relationship	Beneficiary
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

(A) Do you and all members listed above certify that you do not use alcohol? Yes ☐ No ☐(B) Do you and all members listed above certify that you are in sound and healthy condition mentally and physically to the best of your belief and knowledge? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please state details including operations, sickness or disabilities during the past five years: \_\_\_\_\_

(C) Do you hereby apply to the World Mutual Health and Accident Ins. Co. of Penna. for a policy based on the understanding that the policy applied for does not cover conditions originating prior to the date of insurance, and that the policy is issued solely and entirely in reliance upon the written answers to the foregoing questions? Yes ☐ No ☐Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: X

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## The Glory of Winning Souls

By Charles H. Spurgeon

What bliss it is to be the instrument of saving bodies from death! Those monks on Mount St. Bernard surely must feel happiness when they rescue men from death. The dog comes to the door, and they know what he means; he has discovered some poor weary traveller who has lain down to sleep in the snow, and is dying from cold and exhaustion.

Up rise the monks from their cheerful fire, intent to act the good Samaritan to the lost one. At last they see him; they speak to him, but he is dead. They take him up and give him remedies; hastening to their hostel, they lay him by the fire, and warm and chafe him, looking into his face with kindly anxiety, as much as to say, "Poor creature! art thou dead?" When, at last, they perceive some heaving of the lungs, what joy it is in the breast of those brethren as they say, "His life is not extinct!" It would be a privilege to chafe one hand of that poor man, and so help to restore him.

Or, suppose another case. A house is in flames, and in it is a woman with her children who cannot by any means escape. In vain she attempts to come downstairs; the flames prevent her. She has lost all presence of mind, and knows not how to act.

A strong man comes and says, "Make way! make way! I must save that woman!" And cooled by the genial streams of benevolence, he marches through the fire. Though scorched and almost stifled, he gropes his way. He ascends one staircase, then another; and though the stairs totter, he places the woman beneath his arms, takes a child on his shoulder, and down he comes, twice a giant, having more might than he ever possessed before.

He has jeopardized his life, and perhaps an arm may be disabled, or a limb taken away, or a sense lost, or an injury irretrievably done to his body; yet he claps his hands and says, "I have saved lives from death!" The crowd in the street hail him as a man who has been the deliverer of his fellow-creatures, honouring him more than the monarch who has stormed a city, sacked a town, and murdered myriads.

### Saving a Soul Much Better Than Saving a Life

But alas! the body which was saved from death today may die tomorrow. Not so the soul that is saved from death: It is saved everlastingly. It is saved beyond the fear of destruction. And if there be joy in the breast of a benevolent



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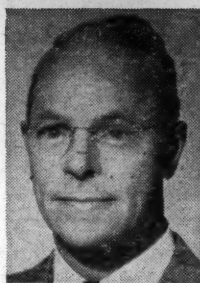
## Gifts of the Wise Men

GOLD—Tribute for a King  
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By Evangelist John R. Rice

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## The PROTESTANT Pope Priesthood and Purgatory



Three articles to clear the mind and bless the honest hearts from the Bible

By Evangelist John Linton

328 Belle Isle View, Windsor, Ont., Can.

### CHAPTER III THE PROTESTANT PURGATORY

The word *gospel* means *good news*, and the very heart of the good news Christ brought to mankind was that through faith in the atoning death of Christ on the cross, the forgiven sinner is freed from all condemnation and punishment due his sins, and because he is fully justified by faith apart from his own works or merit, at the moment of death he enters a state of felicity with Christ in Heaven. This is the clear, definite, and consistent teaching of Holy Scripture, as we shall later see, and it should be the natural desire of every Christian having this assurance to pass on this good news to those who do not know it.

In this series we are using the principle of contrast by which we show what a thing is, by showing what it is not. The Bible speaks of a purgatory, a place of cleansing from sin, by which the believer is prepared to stand accepted and acceptable before God in Heaven. Is this the same as the purgatory taught by the church of Rome?

Consider, then, with an open mind the difference between the purgatory taught by the Roman church and the purgatory of the Bible.

### The Roman Catholic Teaching of Purgatory

Cardinal Gibbons (page 247) declares, "The Catholic Church teaches that, besides a place of eternal torments for the wicked and of everlasting rest for the righteous, there exists in the next life a middle state of temporary punishment allotted for those who have died in venial sin, or who have not satisfied the justice of God for sins already forgiven."

The existence of purgatory is a dogma of the Roman Catholic faith, binding under pain of damnation in Hell, and everyone who denies it is anathematized (cursed) by the solemn decree of the Council of Trent as follows:

"If anyone saith that after the gift of justification has been received, to every penitent sinner the guilt is remitted and the debt of eternal punishment is blotted out in such a way that no debt of temporal punishment remains to be discharged either in this world or in the next in Purgatory, before the entrance to the King-

dom can be opened to him: let him be anathema."

But my friend, that which the Catholic church here curses is precisely what the Bible does teach—that a justified sinner has all guilt remitted and all of the debt of eternal punishment blotted out when he receives Christ as his personal Saviour. That is the very heart of the gospel. That is exactly what salvation is according to the Scriptures, if not according to the church of Rome.

Judge for yourself if the debt has not been fully paid by Christ when our Lord Himself in the Catholic Bible says, "He who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has life everlasting, and does not come to judgment, but has passed from death unto

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## The Postman Is Always Welcome

By Viola Walden  
Editor's Assistant

Isn't the postman always welcome at your house? He is at mine.

My, what a howl went up when a few years ago the Postmaster General cut mail deliveries in many states to only one a day instead of two or three!

Businessmen, advertisers, politicians, false religions—all know that the United States mail is one of the quickest, cheapest, and surest ways of getting out their propaganda. You see, the postman is always welcome. One can read his mail now or later. He can simply glance over it, or read it more carefully as he chooses. There is no embarrassment, no complication, as there would be with the personal visit of a salesman or a candidate for office. Besides, one might forget what the salesman would say, or the candidate, or the Christian worker, but things are gotten more accurately through the eye than through the ear, and besides, one can read them over again, if he has the matters before him in print.



This welcome that every home gives the postman means that one of the very best ways of getting out the Gospel is by mail. Consider what kind of Christian literature one could best use in dealing with the unsaved by mail.

1. The material ought to be respectable, well accepted, authentic material. If it is a cheaply printed tract, how would the reader know that it is representative or cor-

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"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem . . . And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."—Matt. 2:1, 11.

Three hundred miles east of Jerusalem, across the Syrian desert, lay ancient Babylon. There, about six hundred years before Christ's birth, the Jews had been brought as captives by King Nebuchadne-

zar. Daniel and three other Hebrew lads, perhaps of high school or college age, took their place after proper training and testing among the "wise men," the Magi of Babylon.

There Daniel rose by virtue of his character and divinely-given wisdom to be successively "ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon" (Dan. 2:48), "the third ruler of the kingdom" (Dan. 5:29), under Belshazzar, and the first of three presidents over 120 princes, governing the entire world-wide kingdom (Dan. 6:1-3) under King Darius, and had great honor, evidently, under King Cyrus.

It was in Babylon that Daniel wrote the book of prophecies known by his name in our Bible. Part of the book of Daniel was written in the Chaldaic language. Daniel's prominence as a statesman under three separate dynasties of rulers, and his place as chief of the "wise men," doubtless left him an enduring fame among all the learned and particularly the spiritually-minded and godly-wise men who followed Daniel in that ancient empire. Already the glory of world rule had departed from Babylon when Christ was born. It had been conquered first by the Medes under Darius, establishing the Media-Persian empire. Later it was conquered by Alexander the Great, and then later still by the Roman legions, and Rome ruled the world in the days when Christ was born.

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